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**Via Hand Delivery**

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Re: MUR 5645 – Request for Extension Time to Respond

Dear Mr. Allen:

This is in response to your telephone message following the filing of the Statement of Designation of Counsel in the above-referenced Matter Under Review 5645 (“the MUR”).

As I indicated in my earlier voicemail and cover letter, the Reason to Believe Finding (“RTB”) in this matter concerns three (3) events or fact situations that are quite remote in time, such that the statute of limitations for enforcement has run for two of the events cited in the RTB.

The third ‘event’ or fact situation occurred in 2003 and this is the first notification to Santorum 2006, the principal authorize committee for Rick Santorum, Republican candidate for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania (“the Committee”).

As you are aware, the Committee has recently changed treasurers and any documents related to the MUR will have to be retrieved from storage, either in Pennsylvania or from the records maintained by the Committee’s former treasurer. The effort to retrieve any relevant documents that can assist in ascertaining the facts of the MUR is already underway prior to sending this letter to you.

However, because this is a fact situation that is remote in time (2003) and because the records are not easily retrievable due to the transition the Committee is undergoing at this time with a new treasurer and relocation of documents from the former treasurer to the new storage location, the Committee hereby requests an extension of time to respond to the MUR in order that the Committee can review the facts and respond to the RTB.

It is my opinion that an extension of at least thirty (30) days is warranted and required. However, thirty days from now I will be out of town. Therefore, please consider this the Committee’s request to submit a response to the RTB Finding on June 1, 2006.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 295-4081.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Gregg Melinson, Treasurer  
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